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NOAA'S NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SELECTS NEW LEADER OF CHEYENNE, WYO., FORECAST OFFICE

NOAA's National Weather Service has named John S. Eise to serve as meteorologist-in-charge of the Cheyenne, Wyo., forecast office. Eise will begin his new assignment on April 2.

"A meteorologist-in-charge is the front line officer carrying out the National Weather Service's mission of serving the American public by helping protect lives and property," said Brig. Gen. David L. Johnson, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), director of NOAA's National Weather Service. "We are honored to have John Eise serve in this important role."

A veteran of more than 20 years with NOAA's National Weather Service, Eise has held a variety of forecast and management positions in Alaska, Missouri, Texas and Wisconsin. From his beginnings as a meteorologist intern at the Anchorage, Alaska forecast office, Eise worked his way through various positions with increasing responsibility, including forecaster and science and operations officer.

"With more than 15 years of experience as the science officer at the Amarillo and Milwaukee forecast offices, John Eise has had a wealth of experience in meteorology that will continue to well serve the people of southeastern Wyoming," said Gary S. Foltz, acting director, National Weather Service Central Region in Kansas City, Mo. "I know John's experience and leadership will be assets to the staff and the community. He will continue to promote the excellent coordination with local governments and the business community, as well as supporting far reaching public outreach that has been a strong point of the Cheyenne forecast office."

Eise earned a Bachelor of Science degree in meteorology in 1981 and gained his master's degree in 1986, both at St. Louis University. He held teaching and research assistantships for a time before joining the National Weather Service as a meteorologist intern at the Anchorage, Alaska, forecast office in 1985. He served as a general forecaster at the St. Louis forecast office from February 1988 to December 1990. Eise was then selected the science officer at the Amarillo, Texas, office, serving until December 1993. He was then selected as science officer at the forecast office in Milwaukee, Wis., serving until his latest selection at Cheyenne. Eise replaces former meteorologist-in-charge William Parker who retired after 36 years of Federal service.

A member of the American Meteorological Society, the National Weather Association and the American Geophysical Union, Eise has received numerous unit and personal awards during his weather service career and has been published in approximately 20 formal and informal professional publications.

"I really enjoyed every position I've held in the National Weather Service and I am honored to be selected as the new meteorologist-in-charge at Cheyenne," said Eise. "In my previous positions, I've been privileged to work with very able and experienced forecast teams. I look forward to working with the professional staff at Cheyenne where we'll continue to provide the best forecast and warning services possible for the hardy residents of southeast Wyoming and the Nebraska Panhandle."

The National Weather Service is part of Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department. NOAA is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather- and climate-related events and providing environmental stewardship of our nation's coastal and marine resources. Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), NOAA is working with its federal partners and 60 countries to develop a global monitoring network that is as integrated as the planet it observes.

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Note: Media interested in arranging an interview with John Eise may contact the Cheyenne forecast office at (307) 772-2081.

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